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Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office  
Attn: Maintenance Fees  
2051 Jamieson Avenue, Suite 300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

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re: Patent Number 6,718,386

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding the maintenance fee for the above referenced patent. The grace period for the payment of the maintenance fee expired on April 4, 2008. We respectfully request that you consider the reinstatement of our patent based on the unintentional failure to pay the maintenance fees prior to the expiration of the grace period.

It was not our intention to allow our patent to expire, and the non payment of our maintenance fees was unintentional. A series of unusual events led to the unintentional failure to pay of our maintenance fee.

Our organization has one individual who was charged with processing the payment for the maintenance fee prior to the end of the grace period. As a small company, we do not always have the resources necessary to meet every contingency in every situation. As a small company that keeps tight control of its cash, we wanted to make the maintenance fee payment in a timely manner, but also optimize our cash flow.

The CFO of our organization was charged with processing the maintenance fee payment, but during the December 2007 and January 2008 timeframe, he was hospitalized and under a doctor's care. His absence from the office for almost two months placed a strain on the existing resources, and upon his return, there was a significant amount of "catching up" that had to be accomplished in order finalize financial statements and meet IRS filing deadlines. One of the items overlooked was the processing of the maintenance fee.

As our failure to pay our maintenance fee was unintentional, we have enclosed our check for the maintenance fee as well as a check for the surcharge related to the late payment.

We thank you for your consideration of this matter, and look forward to your favorable reply.

Sincerely,

Herzl Hyton  
Chairman of the Board  
Optima Technologies, Inc.

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